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4 before
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This is
QUICK
SAVING

FOR
BURNING
MUSCLE
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HOW TO HOLD A
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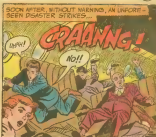
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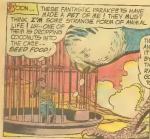


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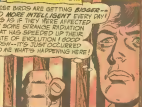


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AS THE DAYS GO BY, THE PRISONER OF THE PARAKEETS... KEPT PLentifully SUPPLIED BY HIS CAPTORS... WITH FOOD AND WATER... NOTICES SOMETHING...

THESE BIRDS ARE GETTING BIGGER-- AND MORE INTELLIGENT EVERY DAY! IT'S AS IF THEY WERE AFFECTED BY SOME STRANGE RADIATION THAT HAS SPEEDED UP THEIR RATE OF EVOLUTION! BOOP BOOP--IT'S JUST OCCURRED TO ME WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE!



IN THE ASILE BRAIN OF THE ATOMIC PHYSICIST, CERTAIN FACTS FALL INTO PLACE...

"ON THE DAY THE BOMB WAS SET TO GO OFF, I WAS EXAMINING AN UNUSUAL METEORITE THAT HAD FALLEN ON THE ISLAND THE NIGHT BEFORE..."

"THE EXPLODING BOMB EVIDENTLY VAPORIZED THE METEORITE-- BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF IT AFTERWARDS..."



I'VE NEVER SEEN A METEORITE QUITE LIKE THIS ONE, STEVE!

NO TIME TO EXAMINE IT FURTHER, JOHN! WE'VE GOT JUST A FEW MINUTES TO GET OFF THE ISLAND!

A GREEN GLOWING CLOUD? HE NEVER HAD A REACTION LIKE THAT BEFORE!

SOME OF THE AGENTS IN THAT METEORITE HAD THE SAME COLORS...



"IT WAS THEN THAT I SAW SOMETHING WHICH MADE ONLY A SCANT IMPRESSION ON ME AT THE TIME..."

A FLOCK OF PARAKEETS--HEADING FOR THE ISLAND WITH THE GREEN BOMB--CLOUD!

I'M CONVINCED NOW THAT THE RADIATION FROM THE VAPORIZED METEORITE AFFECTED THE PARAKEETS--ANIMALS IN SOME INEXPLICABLE WAY--CAUSING THE BIRDS TO EVOLVE AT A FANTASTIC RATE BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY!

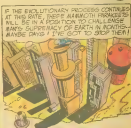




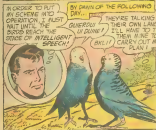
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BUILDING A CITY FOR THEMSELVES! I CAN DIDN'T REACH THAT STAGE ON EARTH TILL AFTER BILLIONS OF YEARS OF EVOLUTION!



WITH AMAZING RAPIDITY, THE SUPER-INTELLIGENT PARAKEETS LEARN ENGLISH.



IN ORDER TO PUT MY SCHEME INTO OPERATION, I MUST WAIT UNTIL THE BIRDS REACH THE STAGE OF INTELLIGENT SPEECH!

BY DRAWING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY...

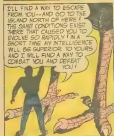
GUERDOW UP DUNE!

THEY'RE TALKING IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE! I'LL HAVE TO TEACH THEM HOW TO CARRY OUT MY PLAN!



WE ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE CREATURES LIKE YOU IN OUR WORLD! YOU AMUSE US! WE SHALL MAKE BETS OUT OF ALL OF YOU!

NEVER-- IF I CAN HELP IT!



I'LL FIND A WAY TO ESCAPE FROM YOU--AND GO TO THE ISLAND NORTH OF HERE! THE SAME CONDITIONS EXIST THERE THAT CAUSED YOU TO EVOLVE SO RAPIDLY! IN A SHORT TIME MY INTELLIGENCE WILL BE SUPERIOR TO YOURS AND I WILL FIND A WAY TO COMBAT YOU AND DEFEAT YOU!



YOU FOOL! YOU HAVE UNWITTINGLY TOLD US HOW TO CONQUER YOUR RACE MORE SWIFTLY! WE'LL FLY TO THE ISLAND AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EVOLUTION-SPEEDING CONDITIONS THERE!



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SOON AFTER, A FLOCK OF BREAKFAST WINGS
NORTHWARD...

THE
QUICKER HE GET TO THE
OTHER ISLAND, THE
SOONER HE CAN MAKE
PLANS FOR DOMINATING
ALL LIFE ON EARTH!

THEY LEFT IN
SUCH A HURRY,
THEY DIDN'T TIE
ME UP TOO WELL!
IT SHOULDN'T
TAKE TOO LONG
TO FREE MY-
SELF...

NOT LONG AFTER, ON A NAVY SHIP IN THAT
SECTOR OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC...

FIVE SECONDS...
FOUR... THREE...
TWO... ONE...
ZERO!

ARROW!!

CLICK!

ON ONE OF THE WORMY ISLANDS, A TITANIC
H-BOMB IS EXPLODED...



SOMETIME THE NEXT MORNING...

DR. WALDEN? WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU?

HELP ME
ABOARD-- NO I'LL TELL
YOU THE MOST AMAZING
STORY YOU EVER HEARD!



SHORTLY AFTER THE WHOLE STORY HAS POURED FROM THE LIPS OF THE SCIENTIST...

THEN YOU TRAPPED THE
BIRDS, JOHN--BY LURING
THEM TO THE ISLAND
WHERE WE WERE
ABOUT TO EXPLODE
AN H-BOMB?

RIGHT! IT WAS
THEIR OWN GREED
FOR SWIFTER
EVOLUTION AND
DOMINATION OF EARTH
THAT BETRAYED THEM
IN THE END!



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MYSTERY of the MARTIAN CANALS



MARS BY SCHIAPARELLI 1878

EVER SINCE 1877, WHEN SCHIAPARELLI DISCOVERED THE "CANALS" ON MARS, A BITTER CONTROVERSY HAS RAGED AMONG ASTRONOMERS WHETHER THE "CANALS" REALLY EXIST. SKY-SCANNERS, UNABLE TO SEE THE "CANALS" WITH MODERN TELESCOPES, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE MARKINGS ARE REALLY AN OPTICAL ILLUSION. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THIS DRAWING OF MARS, WHICH CONTAINS NO CANALS, WAS GIVEN TO SCHOOLBOYS WHO WERE ASKED TO DRAW THE PICTURE AS THEY SAW IT...



HERE ARE TWO SKETCHES DRAWN BY STUDENTS. NOTICE THE CANAL-LIKE MARKINGS--ALTHOUGH NO SUCH LINES APPEAR IN THE ORIGINAL DRAWINGS.





TWINKLE, TWINKLE, DEADLY STAR!

THE DILEMMA WAS THAT NO ONE ON EARTH HAD ANY IDEA OF WHAT THE BEINGS LOOKED LIKE--THE STRANGE STAR--VISITORS WHO HAD ANGSTERIOUSLY AND SILENTLY INVADED OUR WORLD! AND THEY HAD TO BE FOUND--IN A MATTER OF HOURS--OR TERRIBLE DISASTER WOULD RESULT!



IN AN IMPORTANT LOCATION--DETECTION STATION HIGH IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS...

THAT GROUP OF YOUNG PHYSICISTS WE WERE EXPECTING HAD ARRIVED. DR. CRANE? WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM--OR SHALL I?

I'LL DO IT, BILL! I LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION!



SHORTLY, AS THE HEAD OF THE LOFTY LABORATORY IS SHOWING THE YOUTHFUL VISITORS AROUND THE STATION...

OUR JOB HERE, AS YOU KNOW, IS TO CHECK THE ATMOSPHERE FOR TRACES OF A-OR H-BOMB EXPLOSIONS! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU HOW THIS MACHINE WORKS!





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SUDDENLY, AS THE SCIENTIST IS IN THE MIST OF HIS EXPLANATION...

...AND THE SAMPLE OF AIR IS ANALYZED AUTOMATICALLY EVERY FEW MINUTES--**WH?** THIS IS **STRANGE!** EXCUSE ME--WE'LL HAVE TO CUT SHORT THIS MEET--!



LATER, AFTER THE BATTLED NONCOMERS HAVE LEFT, DR. CRANE CONFERES HURRIBLY WITH HIS TOP AIDE...

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, CHIEF! OUR AIR DOES CONTAIN TRACES OF **ELESAURAS**--THOSE STRANGE SUB-ATOMIC PARTICLES WHICH UP TO NOW HAVE ONLY BEEN DETECTED ON THE DISTANT STAR **VEDA!**

YES, BUT DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS, BILL?



ELESAURAS PARTICLES CAN'T ARISE SPONTANEOUSLY! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY SUCH A CONCENTRATION OF THEM COULD HAVE COME HERE!

ONE WAY? GOOD GOD--YOU DON'T MEAN--IF

YOU BLESSED IT! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN CARRIED HERE BY CREATURES FROM **VEDA** WHO HAVE SOMEHOW STEALTHY ARRIVED ON EARTH! NO OTHER EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE! AND WE MUST FERRET OUT THE INVADERS AT ONCE--OR WE SHALL ALL DIE!



ELESAURAS ARE ROBOUSLY RADIOACTIVE! THE AMOUNT IN OUR ATMOSPHERE IS STEADILY INCREASING! AT THIS RATE, IT WILL ONLY BE A FEW DAYS MORE BEFORE THE CONCENTRATION IN OUR AIR KILLS US!

BUT HOW DO WE START AND WHERE?



SOON, AT A TENSE SECRET MEETING OF THE TOP SCIENTIFIC MINDS IN THE COUNTRY...

IN ORDER TO HUNT DOWN THE **VEDAS**, WE HAVE TO KNOW WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE! YOU WILL NOW SEE SOME MODELS OF POSSIBLE **VEDAN** LIFE-FORMS PROJECTED ON THIS SCREEN...





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"THESE PLANTS WERE CON-
STRUCTED BY ARTISTS ON
THE BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC
DATA THAT WE HANDED THEM.
IF THE INTELLIGENT LIFE ON VEGA
IS PLANT-LIFE, THEY WILL LOOK
DOMINANT LIKE THIS..."



"IF IN THEIR EVOLUTION, THE
VEGANS TOOK THE FORM
OF INSECTS, THEN THIS IS
WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK
FOR..."



"WHEREAS IF THE DOMINANT
LIFE OF VEGA EMERGED FROM
THE ANIMAL WORLD, AS ON
EARTH, OUR HIDDEN ENEMIES
MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS..."



"THESE
ARE THE
MAIN POS-
SIBILITIES,
BUT
THERE
IS, HOW-
EVER,
ANOTHER
ALTERNATIVE
WE
MUST
CONSIDER..."

THE ALIEN VEGANS MAY BE
MASTERS OF ADAPTATION--
AND THUS WOULD BE ABLE
TO ASSUME OUR HUMAN
SHAPES! THIS WOULD
MAKE THEM MUCH MORE
DIFFICULT TO DETECT! BUT
WE CAN EVEN SOLVE
THAT PROBLEM! LOOK--
THIS LITTLE BOX IS
AN ELEGAMMA-
COUNTER..."



"THE VEGANS ARE SO CONSTRUCTED THAT THEY
MUST SHUT OFF ELEGAMMAS CONTINUOUSLY--
NO MATTER WHAT FORM THEY MAY TAKE!
THEREFORE..."



"...WE HAVE HAD THOUSANDS
OF THESE ELEGAMMA
COUNTERS MADE AT
EMERGENCY SPEED! SE-
LECTED GROUPS WILL
USE THEM--ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY--SPREADING OUT
FROM KEY POINTS..."

SOON AFTER, AT A CAPITAL CITY...

WE HAVE THESE VEGAN-DETECTOR
STATIONS ALL ALONG THE COAST
NOW, BILL-- ON 24-HOUR DUTY!





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EVEN AT SEA, THE CONSTANT VIGIL IS KEPT WITH INCREASING INTENSITY...

HEADQUARTERS EVEN CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEGANGS MIGHT BE FISH-LIKE—BUT SO FAR NO SIGN OF THEM OUT HERE AT SEA!



MEANWHILE, AS DR. CRANE AND HIS ASSISTANT BILL LAYLOR RETURN TO THEIR HOTEL IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL...

BILL, I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN 48 HOURS! I'M SOWS UP TO MY ROOM!

OKAY! I'LL SEE YOU LATER, CHIEF...



IN A NEARBY PINE, THE OLD, YOUNG PHYSICIST RAISES FOR A REST...

THE CONCENTRATION OF ELBAMMAG IN THE ATMOSPHERE IS GETTING HEAVIER! IS IT MY IMAGINATION OR ARE PEOPLE ALREADY BEGINNING TO FEEL THE EFFECTS?



THE NEXT MOMENT...

THAT GROUP OF BRIGHT SEERS! MY COUNTER IS POINTING AT THEM AND REGISTERING FURIOUSLY! I-I'VE FOUND THE NEGANGS!



IN A TELEPHONE BOOTH, SECONDS LATER...

--I STILL SEE THEM, DR. CRANE!

I'M ALERTING THE AUTHORITIES AT ONCE! DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THEM, BILL!





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SOON, IN THE PARK, HEAVY CANNON, TANKS AND MACHINE GUNS HAVE BEEN WHEELED INTO PLACE...



THE NEXT MOMENT, THE WEAPONS BLAST AWAY AT THE DISCOURDED STAR-HEAD...



OUR VOLLEY DIDN'T GET A SINGLE ONE! WE ALL COULDN'T HAVE MISSED!



THEN, AS THE ALIEN CALLED MORGAN DIRECTS A TINY WEAPON AT THE TANK...

THEY'VE DISINTEGRATED THAT TANK, DR. CRANE! WE'LL HAVE TO HIT THOSE CREATURES WITH H-BOMBS!



SUDDENLY, THE HAGGARD-EYED SCIENTIST PARTS FORWARD...



JUST AS I FIGURED THEY ARE TELEPATHIC! THIS ONE WHO SEEMS TO BE THE LEADER HAS STARTED TO READ MY MIND! I CAN FEEL HIS MIND COMING INTO CONTACT WITH MINE!





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YOU WERE RIGHT, WE ARE NOT ENEMIES OF EARTH! WE ARE A GROUP OF -- WHAT IS YOUR WORD FOR IT -- SCIENTISTS -- DOING FIELD RESEARCH -- STUDYING STRANGE WAYS OF LIFE ON THIS PLANET

WHAT'S BE COME DOING--BARBING WITH THEM? I STILL SAY AN H-BOMB--

BETTER HOLD THE H-BOMB, COLONEL! THEY PROBABLY WOULDNT WORK AGAINST THOSE ALIENS ANYWAY

OUR POLICY ON THESE FIELD TRIPS IS NEVER TO ANNOUNCE OUR PRESENCE -- BECAUSE WE FIND IT MUCH MORE EXCITING AROUND YOU LONER LIFE -- FORMS WHEN WE DO, AND ARE ALWAYS STUDYING YOU IN YOUR NORMAL, POSITIVE BEHAVIOR!



THEREFORE WE ASSUME THE BODY SHAPES OF OUR SUBJECTS UNDER STUDY AS IN THIS CASE! HOWEVER, WE DID NOT REALIZE --

... THAT THE ELISABETHA RADIATIONS OF VEGA WHICH WE CURE OFF -- AND WHICH OF COURSE DO NO HARM TO US -- IS DEADLY TO YOU HUMANS! WE SHALL LEAVE YOUR PLANET IMMEDIATELY...

SHORTLY, IN A SECLUDED SPOT ON THE EASTERN COAST OF THE UNITED STATES...

THE LAST VEGAN IS BOARDING THE SPACE-SHIP! GOOD GOSH -- I JUST GOT A GLIMPSE OF WHAT THEY REALLY LOOK LIKE!

LATER, AFTER THE VEGAN SHIP HAS DISAPPEARED INTO OUTER SPACE AND ALL DANGER OF ELISABETHA-POISONING HAS PASSED...

THE VEGANS WERE SECRETLY STUDYING US IN OUR NATURAL HABITAT -- IN MUCH THE SAME WAY WE STUDY WILD ANIMAL LIFE!

AND WE EARTHMEN THINK WE'RE HIGHLY CIVILIZED! WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE CATCH UP TO THEM!



Ma Nature's Curiosity Shop

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN THE TEMPERATURE REMAINS PRACTICALLY UNIFORM--ABOUT 32° TO 35° FAHRENHEIT, REGARDLESS OF LATITUDE!

A LITTLE CHILLY TONIGHT, EN, MR. JONES?



3 AMERICAN PLANTS ARE CARNIVOROUS--THE SUNDEW, THE PITCHER PLANT, AND VENUS-FLYTRAP. ALL THREE CATCH AND EAT INSECTS!



THE SUN IS GETTING SMALLER AND CHILLER ALL THE TIME! EVERY SECOND IT LOSES 4 MILLION TONS OF MASS, IN THE FORM OF HEAT AND ENERGY!



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SCIENCE-SNAPS

BLACK ATTRACTS BEES MORE THAN ANY OTHER COLOR



ACCORDING TO SCIENTISTS, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS ABSOLUTE SILENCE, WHAT WE CALL SILENCE IS ONLY OUR INCAPACITY TO HEAR THE SILENT SOUNDS ABOUT US.



OCEANS COMPRISE MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE EARTH

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, IT MIGHT AS WELL BE 100 PERCENT!



WOMEN'S VOCAL CORDS ARE SHORTER THAN MEN'S, WHICH IS THE REASON THEIR VOICES ARE HIGHER-PITCHED.



MILK IS 87 PERCENT WATER





The FLYING SAUCER BOOMERANG!

THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER THE EXISTENCE OF FLYING SAUCERS HAS AROUSED MORE PUBLIC CURIOSITY THAN THE OLD MYSTERY OF WHETHER THERE ARE CANALS ON MARS! THE NOW-YOU-SEE-IT--NOW-YOU-DON'T--FLYING SAUCER HAS ENGAGED THE INTEREST OF SCIENTISTS THE WORLD OVER! WHATEVER YOUR OPINION IS, HOLD IT IN RESERVE! TILL YOU FINISH READING THIS THOUGHT-PROVOKING STORY!

THAT'S WHAT I CALL A MILLION DOLLAR HIT!

IS THIS MAN, GORDON THORSSON, LYING OR TELLING THE TRUTH?

I TELL YOU I JUST SHOT DOWN A FLYING SAUCER! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!

NO, YOU SWINDLER! WE'RE ON TO YOUR WHOLE SCRAMBLING HOAX!

HOAX--OR NOT? FOR THE ANSWER, WE MUST TURN TIME BACK A MONTH, TO A MEETING OF THE WORLD ROCKET SOCIETY...

AFTER WEIGHING ALL THE EVIDENCE, THE ROCKET SCIENTISTS ARE NOW FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS--POPULARLY KNOWN AS "FLYING SAUCERS"--DO HOODS COME FROM OUTER SPACE!





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IF THEY ARE FRIENDLY, WHY DO THEY NOT LAND AND CONTACT US? IF WE JUST ASSUME THEREFORE THAT THEY ARE SPYING ON EARTH FOR HOSTILE REASONS! WE MUST KNOW THEIR PLANS! I RECOMMEND WE OFFER A PRIZE OF **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** FOR ANY FLYING SAUCER SHOT DOWN!

LIFE SPEED 3000 MPH
OBSERVING ATOMIC PLANT.



AS ONE OF THE BUSINESS CATALPITS A MODEL FLYING SAUCER INTO THE AIR...

IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD FOR US TO WIN THAT MILLION...

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SHOOT A FLYING SAUCER-- BANG!-- LIKE THIS! COME ON, WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO!



THAT NIGHT, OVER TOWN...



LOOK! FLYING SAUCER!

LATER, IN THE SMALL TOWN OF GREENVILLE...

NOT ONE SALE THIS WEEK! IF WE DON'T MAKE SOME MONEY SOON...

GORDON! LISTEN TO THIS-- **ONE MILLION DOLLARS REWARD** FOR SHOOTING DOWN A FLYING SAUCER!



BUSY WEEKS LATER, AT A DESERTED GULCH OUT OF TOWN...

OUR DANT-SIZED CATALPIT AND FLYING SAUCER ARE JUST ABOUT FINISHED!

WE'LL GIVE IT A WORK-OUT TONIGHT!



40 SECONDS LATER... AND 40 MILES AWAY...



A FLYING SAUCER! IT'S GLORIOUS! DEED FROM TRAVELING SO FAST!



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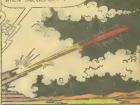
THE NIGHT-RUN A SUCCESS, THE TWO SCHEMERS PREPARE FOR A DAY FLIGHT...

IT'S EASY TO HULL OUR "FLYING SAUCER" UP INTO THE CATAPULT! IT'S MADE OF LIGHT Balsa WOOD, JUST LIKE OUR TOY MODEL!

AND THAT LUSCIOUS RED PAINT MAKES IT SEEM GLORIOUS HOT TO OBSERVERS!



AFTER THE CATAPULT KICKS IT SKIMMED THOSE BOOSTER ROCKETS BUILD IT UP TO SUPERSONIC SPEED, LIKE BOOSTERS USED BY HUGE MILITARY BOMBERS WHEN TAKING OFF!



MINUTES LATER...

BEST OF ALL, LIKE OUR TOY MODEL, THE "FLYING SAUCER" IS DESIGNED TO USE WIND CURRENTS IN GLIDER FASHION, AND CIRCLE RIGHT BACK HERE AFTER THE FLIGHT-- LIKE A BOOMERANG!



IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO FIX UP THIS "BROCKED" SAREE JET WE BOUGHT IN A SURPLUS SALE!

BOOSTER ROCKETS WILL GIVE IT SUPERSONIC SPEED FOR A SHORT FLIGHT.. ENOUGH TO CHASE THE "FLYING SAUCER"!



ANOTHER BUDY WEEK PASSES...

WE'RE ALL SET TO COLLECT THAT MILLION DOLLAR PRIZE NOW! I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF WITNESSES WHEN I SHOOT DOWN THE DUMMY SAUCER! BUT I'LL MAKE SURE IT CRASHES ON HARD ROCKS OUTSIDE TOWN..



THEN THIS THERMITE BOMB WILL SET THE BROCKAGE AFIRE, BURNING IT BEYOND RECOGNITION AND LEAVING NOTHING TO TRACE IT BACK TO US! IT WILL ALSO ACCOUNT FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ALIEN "CREW"!





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THE WORLD ROCKET SOCIETY HOPES TO GET A SHIP AND CREW INTACT, BUT THEY STILL HAVE TO PAY OFF FOR ANY FLYING SAUCER SHOT DOWN, EVEN IF COMPLETELY DESTROYED!

CASUAL WE BY WALKIE-TALKIE WHEN YOU'RE READY!



THE FLYING SAUCER AGAIN! AND THAT FLYER IN THE SABRE JET IS GOING TO ATTACK IT!



SOON, AS NIGHT FALLS...

OH MY GOD! I'M FLYING OVER TOWN ON "GUARD" FOR THE FLYING SAUCERS! PLENTY OF WITNESSES LOOKING UP, SO LET IT COME!

HERE IT GOES, LIKE A CLAY PIGEON AT A TRAP SHOOT!



I'LL CHASE IT OUTSIDE TOWN, THEN SHOOT IT DOWN ON THE ROCKS! TOMORROW WE REPORT TO THE WORLD ROCKET SOCIETY AND COLLECT A COOL MILLION ON THIS FLYING SAUCER NONSENSE! HA, HA!



NONSENSE? BUT WHAT OF THE STRANGE OBJECT WHISTLING AT FANTASTIC SPEED HIGH ABOVE IN THE STRATOSPHERE?

COMMANDER GOLI! MY TELE-RADIO SCREEN SHOWS ANOTHER OF OUR DISK SHIPS, BELOW IN EARTH ZONE 84.1 BUT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONLY SOVIET SHIP IN THIS AREA!





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IT HAS A STRANGE RED COLOR, NOT BLACK LIKE ALL OUR SHIPS! PERHAPS THE EARTH-LINGS HAVE INVENTED A FLYING DISK TO BATTLE US! DESCEND AND DESTROY IT! SWITCH OFF ALL LIGHTS FOR A BREAK-ATTACK!



SCIENT LATER, A DEADLY GREEN BEAM FLASHES DOWN AT THE PSEUDO-FLYING SAUCER...



THE EARTH-LINGS HAVEN'T SIGHTED OUR UNLIGHTED SHIP! NOW THE ATOMIC RAY... FIRE!

LEAVING A FERY TRAIL ACROSS THE NIGHT SKY, THE FLYING SAUCER CRASHES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GREENVILLE...

THE PLANE SHOT DOWN THE FLYING SAUCER! FULL SPEED AHEAD TO THE WRECKAGE IN CASE ANY OF THE ALIEN CREW IS STILL ALIVE!



MEANWHILE, ONLY GORDON THOMPSON IS AWARE OF WHAT REALLY HAPPENED...

MY DUMMY FLYING SAUCER WAS SHOT DOWN...B-BUT NOT BY ME! GREAT THUNDER! THAT ROUND BLACK SHAPE... A REAL FLYING SAUCER!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! BACK TO THE UPPER STRATOSPHERE!

THEY'RE OFF-GUARD NOW, AFTER HAVING SHOT DOWN THE EARTH SHIP! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO BREAK UP ON THEM BEFORE THEY RACE AWAY! WHAT LUCK, IF I CAN BAG A REAL ONE!



UNDER COVER OF CLOUDS, GORDON THOMPSON SCORES A DIRECT HIT ON THE SPACE-SHIP...

THAT'S WHAT I CALL A MILLION DOLLAR HIT! I'LL COLLECT THE MONEY WHEN THE WRECK IS FOUND!





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BUT INSIDE THE STRICKEN VESSEL FROM OUTER SPACE...

"WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL, FALLING! BUT WE ARE FORBIDDEN TO ALLOW ANY SCIENTIFIC SECRETS TO FALL INTO EARTHLY HANDS, EVEN AS WECK-AGE! WE MUST TURN ON THE ATOMIC BLAST!"



FANATICALLY, A GRIM CODE IS FOLLOWED...

"THE SHIP'S DISINTEGRATED IN AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION! NOBODY CAN BE SHOOT IT DOWN ABOVE THE CLOUDS! AND THERE WON'T BE A TRACE OF THE SHIP OR CREW LEFT AS PROOF!"



LATER, AS THE TWO SCHEMING PARTNERS RIDE TOWARD THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...

"ANYWAY, WE CAN STILL COLLECT ON OUR DUMMY SAUCER, THE ALIEN SHOT DOWN..."

"OUR HOAX HAS SURE TAKEN SOME UNEXPECTED TWISTS AND TURNS--BUT AS LONG AS IT ENDS IN OUR GETTING THE MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?"



JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN...

"LOOK! OUR DUMMY WASHT DESTROYED! AFTER BEING SHOT DOWN BY THE ALIENS, IT LANDED IN A CUSHIONING SAND DUNE!"

"CAPTAIN, LOOK AT THE STAMP ON THIS STRIP OF BALSA WOOD!"



HOAX OR TRUTH--IRONICALLY, IT IS BOTH!

"BUT! I ADMIT THIS FRAUD, BUT I ALSO SHOT DOWN A REAL FLYING SAUCER FROM OUTER SPACE! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!"

"TELL IT TO THE JUDGE AND JURY!"



READER--YOU BELIEVE MY STORY, DON'T YOU? THERE ARE FLYING SAUCERS! BUT WHY ARE THEY SPYING ON EARTH--WHY??



SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE



STAR ECLIPSE!

AS the moon moves in its regular monthly orbit around the earth, it screens from sight any other object in the sky that may lie in its path. The most familiar instance of such a "blackout" involves the moon and the sun in an *eclipse*.

Not as spectacular as a solar eclipse, perhaps, is the phenomenon that occurs when the moon passes in front of stars, hiding these pinpointed lights for a period of time, in what astronomers call an *occultation*. In reality, this is an eclipse of a star by the moon, but whereas the moon completely hides the sun for a few minutes (because both objects have the same apparent size in the sky), the moon conceals the "tiny" star for a considerably longer period, often about an hour.

The occultation of a star is an exciting event to behold, and easily observable with a pair of binoculars. The observer's best bet is to hope for the occultation of a bright star by the crescent-shaped moon, for then he can see not only the bright crescent but also the dark part of the moon dimly illuminated by the earth's light.

As the crescent moon approaches the star, the observer can actually watch the dark edge of the moon inch closer and closer to the star, until the latter shines as a point of light on the very edge of the moon. The observer hardly dares to blink, for suddenly, even as he looks, the star disappears from view,

In a split-second the bright star seems to be blotted out of existence.

This sudden disappearance of a star is a breath-taking sight and results from the fact that the moon has no atmosphere. Similarly, when the occultation is about to end, the observer must carefully keep his eye peeled to the other side of the moon, for without warning, the star will suddenly shine out where a moment earlier there was a void.

More important than the sheer pleasure we derive from these star occultations, is that they contribute important data for predicting eclipses, tides, and similar phenomena.

It probably has occurred to the reader that if the stars and the sun can be eclipsed by the moon, a planet can be too. Not only is this a fact, but the occultation of a planet proves to be even more interesting than that of a star. In the largest telescopes a star appears only as a point of light, but most of the planets look like a small moon when viewed through a moderate-sized telescope. In the case of Mars and Jupiter, we can actually see surface markings; Saturn is seen surrounded by rings; Venus and Mercury appear as does our moon, sometimes as a crescent, then half-illuminated, and finally as a full, round face.

During the occultation of a planet, the orb does not suddenly vanish as a star does, due to its greater apparent size in the sky. It is a thrilling experience to see Saturn hidden by the moon. In the preliminary stage part

of the ring is hidden, then Saturn gradually begins to disappear, taking several minutes to swim behind the moon. The yellow-hued Saturn looks dull compared with the moon, but Venus is so brilliant in comparison with the moon that our satellite seems like a badly tarnished mirror.

Anyone desiring to observe an occultation should look up the time-schedule appearing in the *Nautical Almanac*. The occultation watcher is advised to start his observations several minutes before the predicted moment of occultation, or he may miss the eclipse altogether. As the seconds tick past, the particular star under observation will be seen getting closer and closer to the moon, although of course it is actually the motion of the moon around the earth which is bringing it nearer to the direction of the star. Then, having noted the time to the nearest minute, start counting the seconds (if possible, the fractional seconds) to determine the exact instant at which the star disappears. From the time observed, and the latitude and the longitude of the observation point, it is possible for the astronomer to find the precise position of the moon in the sky at the time—correcting any previous errors that may have been made. Such simply performed observations are of definite scientific value—and the important part is that any interested sky-scanner can in this simple manner contribute to our knowledge of astronomy.

COLD LIGHT!

Ever since scientists learned to produce artificial light for the benefit of humanity, they have been beset by the annoying difficulty that the light they have created wastes a large percentage of its energy in the production of heat. We have all noticed that when we switch on the current to light an electric bulb, the bulb becomes hot, giving off heat that is not only of no value, but is also an expensive waste.

Nature has demonstrated that it is possible to produce light which is practically 100 per cent efficient, where no heat is gen-

erated in its production. The term applied to this product is *cold light*—and such creatures as fireflies, glowworms, certain fish and bacteria, can create this light for themselves whenever they desire.

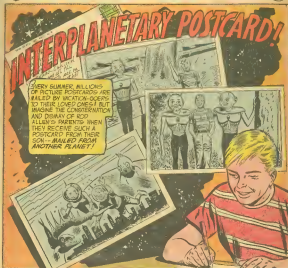
Scientists who are naturally envious of this ability of inferior living things to produce cold light have been seeking to discover the secret of this know-how for a long time. If the riddle of cold light could be unraveled it would prove of great commercial value, resulting in the saving of a large percentage of energy that must now be expended in producing light.

One of the starting points in the effort to pry loose the secret of cold light from nature has been an intensive study of the firefly. One theory advanced for the natural ability of this insect to produce cold light is linked to its manufacture of a substance called *luminiferin*, which when combined with the oxygen in the air produces the phenomenon of cold light.

Luminiferin is manufactured by certain glands in the firefly, specially constructed by nature for the purpose, known as light-organs. They are virtually minute lanterns, and are frequently provided with a special lens, which focuses the light.

The light-producing cells in the firefly contain a mass of granules, spherical in the male, and short rods in the female. Each group of cells is surrounded by a clear ectoplasm containing no granules. Behind this is a layer of special cells which act as reflectors. Air and water are necessary for the production of this light.

The cold light produced by the aforementioned organisms has a variety of uses—such as a warning, to scare off other animals, which would otherwise consume the luminous organisms; or as a signal, to attract fellow-creatures together for mating purposes; or merely to be used as lanterns. Many of the deep-sea creatures, which live in complete darkness, have no other source of light, and it is reasonable to suppose that in these particular cases, cold light is used for purposes of illumination.



ON THE SUMMER FARM OF THE ALLENS, YOUNG ROD ALLEN SAYS HIS PARENTS' FAREWELL FOR THE SUMMER.

GOSH, I WISH YOU COULD STAY HERE ON THE FARM TILL I FINISH MY ROCKET-- AND WATCH ME TAKE OFF INTO SPACE!

SORRY SON, WE HAVE TO RETURN TO THE CITY! BUT MR. SUMMERS WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!



REMEMBER, ROD, I WANT YOU TO WRITE ME REGULARLY!

I PROMISE--FROM WHEREVER I AM!





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WHEN AS THE ALLENS LEAVE FOR THE CITY...

JAMES--YOU DON'T THINK THAT ROCKET HE'S BUILDING WILL FLY, DO YOU?

A ROCKET MADE OF FLATTERED TIN CANS, RADIO TUBES, AND A VACUUM CLEANER MOTOR? OF COURSE NOT!



WHERE DID ROD EVER MEET TWO STRANGE COMPANIONS LIKE THAT?

AND ON THE OTHER SIDE, AN EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE MESSAGE...



Post Card
Dear Mom and Dad,
How do you like my new friends--ROD and GUY? They came all the way from Mars to see me test my rocket...

...A FEW MINUTES LATER I SAW...



A SPACE-SHIP! LANDING ON EARTH!

Vooooooooom!

BUT THREE DAYS LATER IN THEIR CITY APARTMENT...

A PICTURE POSTCARD FROM ROD? WHAT DOES HE SAY?

IT'S NOT ONLY WHAT HE SAYS... I SHOULD SAY... LOOK AT THIS PICTURE!



"WHEN I FIRST TURNED ON MY MOTOR, IT JUST MADE A LOT OF NOISE..."

WHY THERE MUST BE A SHORT-CIRCUIT SOMEWHERE!

SPUT!
SPLUTTER!
CRACK!
CRACK!



A DOOR OPENED, AND OUT STEPPED...



BREATHING EARTHMAN?

JEEPEERS... I CAN UNDERSTAND HIM! I HEAR HIS VOICE IN MY HEAD!



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THEY QUICKLY EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE FROM BIKIN--AND HAD A VERY INTERESTING PROPOSITION FOR ME...

YOUR ROCKET MOTOR, THOUGH CRUDE, IS SETTING UP AN ELECTRONIC FIELD WHICH SHORT-CIRCUITS OUR SHIP! YOU MUST EITHER DESTROY YOUR MOTOR--OR SELL IT TO US!

WE ARE LAM-ABOONS, PEOPLE, EARTHMAN! WILL YOU SELL IT FOR VALUABLE JEWELS? BETH--I WILL MATERIALIZE SOME FOR YOU--FROM HANG!



IN AN INSTANT, THEIR MATERIALIZING MACHINE BEGAN HUMMING, AND...

YOU HEAR--THAT MACHINE CAN MATERIALIZE OBJECTS ACROSS SPACE! COULD YOU SEND A--A POSTCARD TO EARTH FROM ANOTHER PLANET?

OF COURSE I CAN MATERIALIZE ANY WISHABLE OBJECT! WHEREVER WE WANT! BUT WHY DO YOU ASK?



BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO TAKE ME ON A VACATION TO VENUS AND MARS! THAT'S MY PRICE FOR MY MOTOR! AND I MUST SEND POSTCARDS TO MY MOTHER--I PROMISED!

IF THAT'S ALL ONLY WHY WE CAN OBTAIN YOUR MOTOR-- WE AGREE!



SO I CLIMBED ABOARD THEIR SPACE-SHIP AND BE TOOK OFF FOR BIKIN! ON THE WAY THERE I OVERHEARD...

I HOPE OUR BARGAIN WILL NOT CAUSE TROUBLE FOR US!

WHAT SORT OF TROUBLE CAN HE MAKE? IT IS NOBLY IT--FOR HIS TROUBLESHOME MOTOR! IF IT EVER GOT OUT INTO SPACE, IT WOULD BRICK INTERPLANETARY TRAVEL!



A FEW HOURS LATER WE REACHED BIKIN--I WAS WONDERING WHERE ON THE OCEAN-COVERED PLANET WE'D LAND WHEN...



AS HE, ALLEN FINISHED READING THE AMAZING POSTCARD...

IS--IS THAT ALL IT SAYS? HOW TERRIBLE! WE BETTER DRIVE UP TO THE PARK, AND SEE IF --

RELAX, DEAR! IT'S JUST BOB'S IMAGINATION RUNNING WILD! OBVIOUSLY THE "WANTING" ARE TWO BOYS IN COSTUME!





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BUT THE NEXT DAY, ANOTHER POSTCARD REACHES THE ALLEYS:

OH, JAMES...
WHERE IS
ROD NOW?



TELL US WHEN YOU'VE SEEN ENOUGH, ROD, AND WE'LL LEAVE FOR HOURS! WE GO OUT THROUGH THAT ENTRY PORT!

GOING? I WONDER WHAT THAT BUTTON IS FOR?



MY CURIOSITY GOT THE BETTER OF ME AND I PRESSED THE BUTTON...

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?

HE'S OPENED THE PORT TO THE SEA! THE CITY WILL BE FLOODED UNLESS-- OHK! USE YOUR MATERIALIZER! QUICK!



IN AN INSTANT, OHK GOT HIS MACHINE WORKING AND...

THERE! I MATERIALIZED THE WATER IN OUTER SPACE! QUICK, WHO GET THAT DOOR CLOSED!



I TOLD YOU THE EARTHINGS WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE!

I PROMISED TO THE HUSBANDS! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



AND SO NOW WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO HOURS! YOUR LOVING SON-- ROD! WHAT A KIDDER? THAT ROD IS!

I WISH I WAS AS SURE OF THAT AS YOU ARE! TOO BAD THERE'S NO WAY TO REACH ROD ON THE TELEPHONE...





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"NO DAYS LATER, THE POSTMAN DELIVERS A THIRD POSTCARD..."

"H-WART IS IT THIS TIME, JAMES? BOO DOESN'T SAY HE IS ON HAND, IF"

"THAT'S WHAT THE CLEVERLY FAKED PICTURE WOULD INDICATE! LOOK--"



"--ARE JUST LIKE CUBS, ONLY MORE FUTURESTIC! THEY EVEN HAVE HARKS, AND A ZOO..."

"--AND THIS IS THE ZOO OF THE CITY, WITH STRANGE BEASTS FROM ALL OVER THE GALAXY!"



"AS BOO AND CHIC TURNED AWAY FROM ME FOR A MOMENT, I SUDDENLY HEARD..."

"EARTHLING--HELP! GET ME OUT OF HERE! PRESS THE LEVER UNDERNEATH THIS CAGE!"

"SOOH--YOU TALK TELEPATHICALLY TOO? WHY HAVE THEY GOT YOU CAGED IN IF YOU SOUND INTELLIGENT!"



"THE ANIMAL LOOKED SO FRIENDLY THAT I AGREED TO FREE IT FROM ITS CAGE..."



"I DIDN'T MEAN TO START SUCH A COMMOTION! BUT THE ALIENBARK SEEMED TO BE SUCH A GENTLE BEAST--AND THEN..."

"NOW WE'RE BRINGING YOU HOME, YOU HOPE. EARTHLING--AND TAKE YOUR ROCKETS!"

"GOD! MY FOLKS RIGHT BE GETTING WORRIED!"





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IN RESPONSE TO ROD'S LAST MESSAGE, HIS PARENTS RODED BACK TO THE FARM...

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF-- THIS COULDN'T REALLY HAPPEN! NOT IN 1964!

OF COURSE NOT! SEE? THERE'S THE ROCKET! I'LL FIND THAT ROD NEVER LEFT THE FARM--BUT SPENT ALL HIS TIME DREAMING UP THIS JOKE ON US!



WHAT DID I TELL YOU? HERE'S ROD NOW!

HI, DAD! HELLO, MOM! I'M COMING RIGHT DOWN! I WAS MAKING SURE EVERYTHING WAS IN PLACE BEFORE YOU AND ONE MATERIALIZE MY ROCKET BACK TO FARM!

NO POINT IN CARRYING ON WITH YOUR JOKE ANY LONGER, SON! TELL US NOW YOU FAKED THESE POSTCARDS--

JOKE? FAKED POSTCARDS? YOU MEAN YOU DON'T BELIEVE--



OH, OH! THE PARTING ARE READY! THEY'RE TUNED IN TO MY BOND! GO AHEAD, YAK! TAKE IT AWAY!

AND THEN, BEFORE THE ASTONISHED EYES OF THE ALLENS...



ROD'S STORY-- IT WAS TRUE!

SO LONG, YAK! GOODBYE, MOM! THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL VACATION!

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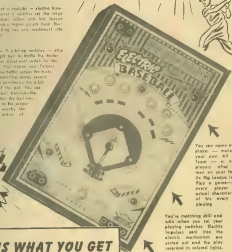
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